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Mamta Lulla - Western Review

Wes Walters (left) was out in Drayton Valley taking a stroll with his children Rhydan Walters (middle) and Liam Walters (right) along with their companion Kane. The Walters family is one of the many who arrived in Drayton Valley last week after Fort McMurray, Wood Buffalo and Lac Ste. Anne County were evacuated due to wildfires in the area. The Province of Alberta declared a state of emergency last week for the same reason. Turn to page 2 for more.

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News

County tax rate remains the same

Monika Lulla
Western Review

Brazeau County will not increase municipal taxes.

By reducing capital spending and utilizing grant funds, administration presented a budget at a recent council meeting that will not increase municipal taxes.

Residents will see an increase of 0.25 per cent due to an increase in the school requisition. Non-residential properties will see an increase of 1.63 per cent, also due to the school requisition increase.

The machinery and equipment class will see a decrease of 0.71 per cent due to a decrease in the Seniors Foundation requisition.

The municipal portion of the tax rates remain unchanged and are as follows:

Residential/Farmland: 0.002092
Non-residential: 0.009046
Machinery & Equipment: 0.009046

In addition to the Tax Rate Bylaw, council adopted a motion to provide a 40 per cent

rebate in the form of a credit on 2016 taxes for the following assessment classes:

202 - Commercial sites and improvements
203 - Industrial sites and improvements

252 - Vacant Commercial
253 - Vacant Industrial

The rebate amount is on municipal taxes only, and totals \$447,282.

COUNTY ASSESSMENTS
Market growth will decrease for the next little bit due to the effects of the low commodity prices and a slow economy in the Brazeau County area.

Council and the public heard that the housing market will shrink in 2016. This would mean property value will decrease as well.

For non-residential and industrial assessments, there is another slight decrease. In 2015, 40 wells were abandoned.

The number of new wells dug in 2015 was 98 while the number was 247 in 2014.

RIGGERS NEED HELP
Rob Landers from Drayton Valley Riggers Rugby Club was

at the recent Brazeau County council asking Brazeau County's support to apply for a grant.

The club explained how they have grown over the past years and said that the club pays for itself when it comes to operating costs. However, the club needs help with some capital expenditures such as change rooms, a cafeteria and bleachers on the field.

The club is in need of about \$30,000.

A motion was carried to direct administration to work with the club to assist them with their application.

PCSS SUCCESS
Drayton Valley PCSS co-ordinator Lola Strand presented the 2015 PCSS annual report to Brazeau County council and the members of the public.

More than 13,500 people live in the Drayton Valley and the surrounding area were served by the 37 programs by the PCSS in 2015.

Programs were categorized in preventative social programs for seniors, for adults, for children, youth and families, etc.

Chris Delisle off to Edmonton

Monika Lulla
Western Review

Sgt. Chris Delisle at Drayton Valley RCMP detachment will miss the Drayton Valley community.

Delisle will be moving away to Edmonton in May after dedicating to the Drayton Valley community about three and half years of his life.

"I was pleasantly surprised to see how the community was so supportive of the RCMP, so involved, so willing to be part of what we are doing. It was unbelievable," he said while speaking of his work experience here.

During his time here, Delisle was the acting detachment commander for the local detachment for about 11 months.

"I really enjoyed that. I don't think I could've picked a better place to do this. Drayton Valley is not a small detachment, and it's not a big one either. It's a medium sized busy detachment," he said.

During that time there were issues with biker gangs in Drayton Valley and Delisle had to deal with them, but he was pleased to see the results.

"I had to deal with a biker war, like with our partners in Edmonton and come up with our plans and strategic planning on how to address and deal with bikers. That in itself was a big challenge we got," he said.

When asked why he is moving away, Delisle said there are two main reasons: family and career.

"I have always done operational policing so I've always been in a uniform working in a detachment. I was given the chance to explore the corporate services at the RCMP," he said.

With his new position he will be working behind the scenes on various policing strategies that will prove a new challenge for him.

When asked if he would like to come back to this said he would love to come back as the detachment commander.

"I would come back as the detachment commander, that's how good my experience was in Drayton Valley. I am leaving with some regrets as I really like this community. It was not an easy decision," he said.

Need to get something off your chest?

E-mail letters to the editor to cweethman@postmedia.com



NOTICE

Roadside Vegetation Control Program

Brazeau County Agricultural Services Division will be carrying out roadside spraying of prohibited noxious, noxious weeds and woody vegetation (brush) throughout the County from May to October. For public safety, a buffer zone will be maintained between these roadside spray areas and county residences/yards/sites.

As per our Vegetation Management policy, spraying on roadsides is done under the authority of Alberta's Weeds Control Act. Brazeau County is required to control the weeds in the roadside just like any other landowner is on privately owned land. As well, in the public interest of safety, brush control is performed to increase the sightlines on roadways and intersections. With this, costs of maintaining these open roadways are reduced where brush and trees are managed properly as it makes snow removal easier and allows roads to dry out quicker after precipitation falls.

For those landowners interested in herbicide being applied into the fence line of property adjacent to county right of way, please contact the office. An agreement can be entered into whereby County staff will treat up to 1 meter inside the fence line at no cost to landowner.

For further information about any of the above mentioned programs, please contact the Agricultural Services Division at (780) 542-7777.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR BRAZEAU COUNTY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PERMIT(S) WITH CONDITIONS:

File: 18D-026
Proposal: Automotive & Equipment Body Repair Business - Discretionary Use
Location: Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 3423297 within NE 33-48-7 WSM (7313 Twp. Rd. 490)
Date: Issued May 3, 2016 (with conditions)
File: 18D-025
Proposal: Home Occupation, Minor Tourism, Advisory, and Professional, and existing accessory building - entrance to front property access
Location: PL SE 20-48-7 WSM
Date: Issued May 3, 2016 (with conditions)

Written notice of an appeal against a decision of the Development Authority, containing reasons for the appeal, and a \$250.00 appeal fee must be received by the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, either by hand or registered mail, at the Offices of Brazeau County no later than 14 days after the date of newspaper publication.

For further information, please contact the Planning and Development Department at 780-542-2657.



Brazeau County News

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Public Open House for Changes to the Brazeau County Land Use Bylaw

Brazeau County is reviewing Land Use Bylaw No. 782-12, which regulates the type, form and location of development in the County. We have done an extensive review of the current bylaw and have incorporated the changes suggested by Council and the Land Use Bylaw Steering Committee.

You are invited to attend the Public Open House to inform you of what changes were made and to allow you the opportunity to contribute to this process. The County planning staff will be available to answer your questions and hear your suggestions.

If you would like to review the current Land Use Bylaw 782-12 or the proposed Land Use Bylaw 805-18, digital versions are available on the County's website: www.brazeau.ab.ca.

This event is open to everyone. If you have any questions, please contact the Planning & Development Department at 780-542-2657 or planning@brazeau.ab.ca. See the table below for details.

Topic	Date	Time
Violet Grove Community Hall	May 17th, 2016	5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
County Office	May 25th, 2016	3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Carwood Community Hall	June 2nd, 2016	5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Brazeau County has big news coming up as we will be updating the County's Municipal Development Plan in 2016 to manage and shape the future growth of the County. Drop by the MDP table and tell us what you love most about the County now and what the County should look like in 2039!

2016 Dust Control Program

Brazeau County is accepting applications for the 2016 Dust Control Program. Applications may be acquired at the County office, 7401 Township Road 494, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or on our website: www.brazeau.ab.ca.

You will need your rural address (plus sign) to complete the application. Full payment is required at the time of application.

The cost for this service is:
\$200.00 plus GST for Rural Road Resurfacing (\$200.00)
\$100.00 plus GST for Country Roadside Stabilization (\$100.00)

Applications should be submitted before May 20, 2016.

For those residents age 15 and older who apply for dust control, you now receive a discounted rate when you provide identification establishing your age. Either show us your identification in-person when you apply or attach a copy of your identification to your application if you're mailing it in to us.

For further information, contact the Public Works Department at 780-542-7711



The Administration office and Public Works shop will be closed Monday, May 23rd for the Victoria Day Civic Holiday.

Change to Brazeau County Tax Due Date

Brazeau County has moved its tax due date to June 30.

To avoid penalty, taxes must be paid by that date, unless you are signed up for the Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPP).

The 2016 Combined Assessment Tax Notice will be mailed in mid-May. If you are interested in the Tax Instalment Payment Plan, please call 780-542-7777 and speak to Taxation Co-ordinator Colin Seep.

Is the Tax Instalment Payment Plan right for you?

Brazeau County provides the opportunity for the payment of annual taxes on a monthly basis.

For those who prefer to budget throughout the year, Brazeau County offers the Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPP). The plan allows property owners to pay their property tax in monthly instalments instead of a single payment each year. Payments are withdrawn from your bank account on the last business day of the month.

It's easy to sign up! The only requirements are that you have chequing or saving privileges at a financial institution (bank, trust company, treasury branch or credit union), and that you do not currently pay your taxes through a mortgage company, Principle, Interest and Taxes (PITI) program.

If this program sounds like it fits your needs you can download the Tax Instalment Payment Plan application form from our website at <http://www.brazeau.ab.ca/country-hall/corporate-services/monthly-payment-plan>. Application forms are also available at the Brazeau County Administration Building.

For more information on our Tax Instalment Payment Plan, please contact our office at 780-542-7777 and ask to speak to Taxation Co-ordinator Colin Seep.

Upcoming Events

- May 17 - Regular Council Meeting starting at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chamber
- May 17 - Land Use Bylaw Open House from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Violet Grove Community Hall
- May 18 - Agricultural Services Board Meeting, starting at 10:00 a.m. in the CSC Room, Public Input at 11:00 a.m.
- May 19 - Municipal Planning Commission Meeting, Information session starting at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chamber
- Information about Brazeau County employment opportunities can be found in the employment section on our website, www.brazeau.ab.ca/departments/administration/employment.



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News

Students develop life skills using robots

Justine Kimoden
Western Review

Evergreen Elementary School students, particularly Grades 4, 5, and 6, are learning more about programming and building robots, thanks to Grade 4 teacher Nicole Koryk and Grade 6 teacher Jordan Bullock.

According to a Wild Rose School Division news release, "Evergreen Elementary's journey towards robotics began last year when Grade 4 teacher Nicole Koryk and Grade 6 teacher Jordan Bullock applied to attend a week long robotics professional learning opportunity at the University of Calgary. The research based week, funded by Imperial Oil, incorporated hands-on robotics learning as well as opportunities to explore curriculum and cross curricular connections in the elementary classroom."

Petra Hynes, Grade 4 teacher, said the students started the robotics program in September 2015 with the basics, which is computer programming.

"We started with learning how to do computer programming and now we have moved on to building the robots and using them to solve environmental problems," she said. "All year long they practice their programming skills and then we finally got to the point when we can finally build the robot and program the robot."

Grade 4 students focus on building robots that will benefit the environment.

"It helps us cover our science curriculum, so part of Grade 4 science is building things and learning about waste in our world," said Hynes. "We are using our robots this year to help them solve an environmental problem that they see outside in our community, such as picking up garbage, cleaning out water waste, and working on air pollution."

The robotics program expanded to other

grade levels at Evergreen Elementary School.

"We have the programs for Grades 4, 5, and 6 for our school," said Hynes. "There are even younger grades doing the computer programming part. In Grade 4, the focus is with solving environmental problems and then Grade 5 can use it, then for electricity, and Grade 6 can use them for their science."

Aside from the robotics program being focused on science, students who are in this program also develop life skills, including teamwork and problem solving.

"It helps them become better collaborators with their classmates," said Hynes. "It helps them become better problem solvers and earn real world skills like computer programming, working with others, and working through problems from start to finish."

Not only does the robotics program help students develop skills, Grade 4 student Myah Robb said the program is "pretty fun."

It is fun because we get to learn about robotics," she said. "My favourite part is building the robot to see what problem we can solve."

The robotics program at Evergreen Elementary School caught the attention of a company in Drayton Valley. On April 26, Vermilion Energy donated a \$10,153 cheque in support of the program.

"Seeing the students interacting with robotics to solve complex problems rounds out many pieces of cross-curricular competencies for improved learning. It connects math, science, technology, language arts, and team work all together into one class," said Good Snell, area superintendent for Vermilion Energy in Drayton Valley. "The children learning today are the work force of the future to keep Mother Earth going strong. Hats off to the teachers who also embrace new ways of learning and encourage students through the completion of projects."



Vermilion Energy donated a cheque worth \$10,153.50 to Evergreen Elementary School's robotics program.

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Western Review

Evergreen Elementary School Grade 4 students Owen Nelson (left) and Alyah Tuttle (right) show off a robot they made in class.

News

Two RCMP officers deployed to Fort Mac

Carly Westman
Western Review

Two RCMP constables and one public servant from the Drayton Valley detachment have been deployed to Fort McMurray. Detachment Staff Sergeant Malcolm Calhoun confirmed last week that Constable

Leggy and Constable Cadman-Bachter have been selected to assist with operations in Fort Mac along with public servant Dianne Dooley.

"There are no timelines with this. They were deployed in rotation which is managed at the District and Divisional RCMP levels. Because of the decrease in membership (at

the Drayton Valley detachment), we are making some adjustments to make sure we have an adequate level of staffing," explained Calhoun.

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Tuesdays 1:30-2:30 pm Wacky Holiday/Craft Day
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Wednesdays 1:00-4:00 pm Makerspace
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Thursdays 1:00-3:00 pm Creative Arts & Crafts
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May 6 (10:30-11:30am) Fun Friday

Just a few reminders...

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Parked trailers (of any kind) hooked up to vehicles are limited to 24 hours. Trailers cannot be left unhooked on the roads.

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Garage sale signs cannot be placed on any town land, including boulevards and right of ways or at intersections. Signs can only be placed on private property, with permission of the owners, and must be removed within 72 hrs. of being erected. Signs can be posted at the Community Bulletin board located at the North recycling area on Williams Rd.

MUD
Mud that is tracked from an area/yard is the responsibility of the individual or company that has tracked it. Individuals or companies are asked to clean up after their vehicles as quickly as possible to keep mud from being pounded into the roadways or spread into drainage ditches/gutters.

We would like to **THANK** the following people that contributed to the **FARM & RANCH EXPO**

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our editorial

Pulling together for Fort McMurray

While Drayton Valley has been in dire straits over the past several months due to the downturn of the economy, coupled with the drop in price of oil and the Canadian dollar, nevertheless the residents of the community have rallied around the people from Fort McMurray and are turning local losses into opportunities within the community.

This was exactly the message given at a free spaghetti supper held recently at the Drayton Valley Legion by Dr. Michael Unger, who spoke about finding new opportunities within the community.

Even if it's only temporary, residents and businesses have offered up their hearts, their homes and businesses to help people in even more need than themselves at the entire city of Fort McMurray was evacuated due to erratic wildfires that have eaten up several subdivisions and are threatening to engulf the airport.

With word about evacuees from Fort McMurray arriving in Drayton Valley on May 4, a few of the local motels and hotels began offering rooms either at discounted rates or for free. Other businesses quickly followed suit and over 800 empty hotel rooms are now being offered to Fort Mac residents at a reduced rate. Other owners of apartments and duplexes are also offering up their empty suites at no cost.

Local restaurants are offering up

meals at no charge for the evacuees, and the owner of a fitness studio is offering free stress release and dance classes.

This speaks volumes about the tenacity and generosity of Drayton Valley residents, who themselves have been suffering from stress and diminished incomes for the past several months. But they have put their worries aside in order to help people in more dire circumstances than themselves. The community has established a nat program and dates for those who find themselves homeless, the Warming Hearts Kitchen provides heavy meals for those who can't cook or can't afford a meal, and there are plenty of other resources already available for the less fortunate. All things considered, Drayton Valley is faring quite well compared to the residents of Fort McMurray, who have lost everything.

And Drayton Valley is not the only community pitching in to help their neighbours in the north. Alberta as a whole is supporting the Fort Mac community with air line flights, food, water, clothing, relocation of hospital patients to Edmonton, and shelter goes on.

Kudos to the people of Drayton Valley and all Albertans who are helping through donations. It just goes to prove how tough we really are.

IT SEEMS LIKE WE'RE FIGHTING A LOSING BATTLE...
...NO FATALITIES, TO SAY WE'RE WINNING!



Shout out to all of you

The past week has been a dreadful for the Province of Alberta. But all communities including Drayton Valley have stood tall, proud and strong.

More than 80,000 residents were asked to evacuate from Fort McMurray as flames were burning the oil sands site.

The Drayton Valley and Brazeau County community jumped right on board giving fleeing residents one more option to drive to, as various parts of Alberta opened their doors to strangers on the night of May 3 and then on as the flames kept burning.

Yes, we are grateful for the sun shining this season but the hot, dry conditions are no picnic for all the firefighters battling with the current season. Let's hope and pray for Gods of Rain to pour on us.

Drayton Valley and



Mamma's Musings
Mamma Lulla

Brazeau County are under a total fire ban. At this point, anyone burning anything might not just run the risk of being fined but keep in mind there may be a lot of pissed off people looking your way. I am sure I would be one of these people.

Local businesses and residents have been very active on Facebook offering to help in any way we can. Here at the Western Review, we received various similar calls. Despite the very con-

cerning situation in Fort McMurray, we should be proud of ourselves for being there for each other, for having empathy and being supportive of each other in any way we can.

The local population in these parts are ready to help people with whatever is necessary from opening their homes to those in need, offering campers, water and food, diapers and toiletries. Local businesses are offering free lunches, free barbecues, free or discounted rooms, or giving away care packages. There is no doubt that this community gives and gives, even when the times are tough.

So this week, I dedicate my column to all those in Drayton Valley who have chipped in to help out in any way they can.

I am not from Drayton Valley, neither am I Albertan, but I am sure proud to be calling this community my present home.

Letters to the editor

Family viciously mangled

Dear Editor,

This letter is written in support of the Stephan family from Lethbridge who have been so viciously mangled this past week and have been charged with "failing to provide the necessities of life" to their child. I feel compelled to write after hearing repeated newscasts for many days following the verdict that so derisively emphasized the numerous health cocktails that they gave the child in trying to save his life.

The media bias was immediately evident and to me it is just part of the modus operandi of the

system that we all now live in. The medical system is just one part of this vast establishment of power and control that permeates every area of modern life. To question or refuse some of the claims made by it, is tantamount to going to prison and that is exactly what is going to happen to this poor family left behind, perhaps in the care of government services. Maybe Child Services could be accused of "failing to provide the necessities of life" since there are numerous cases of children dying in such care - 185 to be exact, from January 2008 to the present.

Needless to say, the pain that our so-called court system has heaped upon this young family is incomparable to the grief they must feel in losing their son. I am

sure that most families can identify with having a sick child and the agony of not knowing what is wrong or what can be done. It is not so simple as just a visit to the hospital otherwise there would not have been 100 or more deaths per year in Canadian hospitals from meningitis between 1994 - 2001. This child would have been just another statistic for the authorities had it not been for the fact that his parents needed to be made a scapegoat in the demonization of natural medicine and personal choice. The propaganda machine was hyped into action to deter anyone else from thinking outside the box regarding their own medical situation. Obey and consume the information that the establishment provides and never believe that you have any say in

your own health - that is what mainstream medicine would like you to believe.

It is interesting to note that none of the critics in this case are mentioning anything about the threats to human life that come from the pharmaceutical industry. Did you know that anywhere from 4000 - 7000 deaths occurred in Canada alone, due to the pharmaceutical drug - Vioxx? I wonder how many Merck officials are facing murder charges or jail-time like the Steptoe? Also, in America a trial is underway at the moment featuring the FDA Commissioner, Margaret Hamburg who was alleged to have colluded with her husband's Fortune 500 Company Johnson and Johnson in approving the deadly drug Levaquin which has been estimated to have caused

over 5000 deaths in America. The outcry has been "they should have taken the child to the hospital"; perhaps so, but that is not my point. I am just trying to alert people to the hypocrisy that surrounds this verdict and the end game that the system is trying to enforce. We may all be affected negatively by this ruling that subverts a person's right to choose his own path. We should renounce the programming that the media has been disseminating this past week and learn to think for ourselves. My condolences go to this family who evidently were trying to do that very thing.

Judy Deak,
Drayton Valley

Cassie and Molly's Law discussed

A conservative MP from Saskatchewan, Cathay Wagental, recently introduced a Private Member's Bill C-225 into the House of Commons, and on May 2 it went through first reading in the House of Commons.

This bill is the Protection of Pregnant Women and Their Preborn Children Act (Cassie and Molly's Law). This bill refers to the horrific case of Cassandra Kaake, who was bludgeoned to death in her

Windsor, Ontario home in 2014. Cassie was seven months pregnant with her daughter, who she had already named Molly. Molly's father, Jeff Durham, is the one who has been spearheading the fight to get justice for Molly. Current Canadian law recognizes only one victim in this case - Cassie. There will be no justice for Molly, as there is no ability under law to charge her murderer with her death.

Unfortunately this bill, like others before it (notably MP Ken Iyengar's Bill C-484, the Unborn Victim of Violence Act), which received a priority support and likely would

have passed but died when Parliament dissolved for an election) has become mired down in abortion politics. Critics fear that to bring justice to Molly and other unborn victims of violence will open the door to abortions becoming illegal. And this fear mongering has left a vacuum in Canadian law, allowing those who target pregnant women and their children to go unpunished for the harm they cause.

Most countries have laws such as these in place. Why can't Canada, seen as a bastion of compassion and human rights, have one as well if we are so concerned about

women's rights and their right to choose, what about the choice of a woman like Cassandra Kaake, who CHOSE to have a child?

Joyce Arbut, Canada's premier pro-choice advocate, often states, "the fetus becomes a person when the woman carrying it decides it does." How does this argument square with opposition to a law like Bill C-225?

I urge anyone who is truly interested in defending the reproductive rights of women to contact our MP and ask him to vote for Bill C-225. Visit Jeff Durham's excellent blog, www.mollymatters.org for more

information, and to sign a petition that will be presented to the House of Commons. We advocate for justice all the time for those who are not considered human under the law, such as animals who have been horribly abused. Why won't we advocate for justice for Molly?

Lisa Smith,
Drayton Valley

More letters to the editor
on page 26

Sign stolen

Dear Editor,

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Why do we love to destruct other people's property?

Bernie Schell,
Drayton Valley

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News

Local RCMP arrest female with Canada-wide warrant

Justine Kimodan
Western Review

On May 3 at 6 p.m., a female who has a Canada-wide warrant was arrested by the Drayton Valley RCMP from the local golf course and was transported back to jail.

WEAPON SEIZED

RCMP attended the courthouse on April 27 at 2 p.m. due to a suspicious male with a steak knife on his pants. The steak knife was confiscated by police.

GAS AND DASH

There was a report of a gas and dash worth \$92 from a local gas station on April 27 at 2:30 p.m.

A second report of a gas and dash was received by the RCMP on May 3. A total of \$110 was stolen from a local gas sta-

tion. A license plate number was provided but investigations revealed that the plate was stolen from Calgary.

IMPAIRED DRIVER

On April 27 at 10:40 p.m., an impaired driver in Drayton Valley blew one and a half times the legal limit and will appear in court.

STOLEN VEHICLE

RCMP received a complaint regarding a stolen 2003 grey Dodge pickup truck on Township Road 514 on April 28 at 7:25 a.m. No license plate number was provided.

A flat deck trailer was reported stolen on April 23 at 4:20 p.m. from a residence in Violet Grove when the owner was out of town.

THEFT OF LICENSE PLATE

A license plate was stolen from a pickup truck at Fountain Tire parking lot

on April 28 at 8:30 a.m.

HORSES ON THE ROAD

RCMP cleared the road on Highway 620 and Range Road 82 from horses blocking the way on April 30 at 2:30 a.m.

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SPEEDING ON THE HIGHWAY

There was a report of a dark grey Mitsubishi SUV speeding between 130 to 140 kilometres an hour on Highway 630 on May 2 at 6 a.m. The vehicle was not located.

SHOPLIFT AT A LOCAL STORE

On May 1 at 8:00 p.m., RCMP received a call regarding a shoplifting case at

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Provincial court briefs

Cathy Winimom
Western Review

It was standing room only again at the Drayton Valley Provincial Court house on May 3 as a long line of people stood in line to pay speeding and parking tickets, while another crowd gathered in the courtroom to face their transgressions.

Common-law peace bond ordered
Cody Huston was ordered by Judge Marilyn White to enter into a \$1500 no cash common-law peace bond for a term of one year. He is to keep the peace and be of good behaviour, appear before court when required to do so and have no contact with his common-law wife except to arrange access to their dependent children. He was also ordered to not

come within 100 metres of his wife while she is at her residence and her place of employment.

Man pleads guilty for selling methamphetamine

Sean Judd pled guilty before Judge White for selling methamphetamine beside the Exaro station in Drayton Valley on September 19 of last year. Prior to sentencing, Judge White warned him neither she, the courts nor the citizens of Drayton Valley tolerate the sale of drugs and imposed a 15 month jail term plus a \$150 victim fine surcharge. Since he is already in custody, he will be credited for the time he has spent there. He is also to submit a sample of his saliva for the DNA bank.

Breton RCMP asking for public's assistance in solving trailer fire in Brazeau County

Special to the Western Review

Breton RCMP are seeking information regarding a suspicious fire that destroyed a holiday trailer and spread to nearby treed areas.

Sometime between 11 p.m. on Sunday May 1st and 1 p.m. on Monday May 2nd, an unoccupied Thaco Toyhauler fifth wheel trailer was completely destroyed by fire while parked at an oil lease site near the Blue Rapids recreation area in Brazeau County. The fire caused damage to a well head cap and spread to nearby trees, but fortunately did not evolve into a forest fire.

Anyone having information regarding this incident is asked to contact Breton RCMP at 780-896-3502 or Crimstoppers.ca. The RCMP wishes to remind the public to be aware of the extreme dry forest conditions that currently exist, and to observe posted fire bans.

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News

Chili cook off at the Drayton Valley Omniplex

Justine Kimoden Western Review

A Chili Cook Off was held at the Drayton Valley Omniplex parking lot on April 29. Five teams competed for three awards including Judge's Fave, People's Choice, and Team Spirit. The cook off was a way to kick start the first annual Farm and Ranch Expo held at the Drayton Valley Omniplex from April 30 to May 1.

Left: Local resident Bob Mills enjoys a bowl of chili at the Chili Cook Off.

Top middle: Team Spicy won Judge's Fave.

Top right: Rumer's Brewhouse and Grill won People's Choice.

Bottom right: Drayton Valley Rentals won Team Spirit.



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News

Property manager opens doors for evacuees

Justine Kimoden Western Review

Thousands of Fort McMurray residents fled their homes after a mandatory evacuation order was put in place and a provincial state of emergency was declared. Evacuees drove to nearby towns and cities, including Drayton Valley, to find a temporary safe place to stay.

A property manager from Drayton Valley, Brian Freier, opened the doors to a few housing units in town for evacuees.

"I have three vacant two-bedroom suites and they are sitting around empty. We are offering temporary housing for (evacuated) families with school-aged children, not limited to but preferred, to come and move in. I do not have furniture but if they need a place for a month or two months free rent, we are offering that," he said. "They are burglar units located on 50 Avenue in town and are centrally located from the Gas. They come with private entrances on all units and have a deck out front."

Freier said finding evacuees who would take his offer is proving to be difficult as he needs help to get the word out.

"The struggle is finding the connecting point to getting the information out. We are using social media to let people know what we are offering," he said. "It is a matter of finding the hub. I do not know if I should go to the Drayton Valley Omniplex to find a coordinator that would be directing traffic. I also did find a website where you could post homes and they would match people to the homes that are available. I am not sure if that is set up by the government or who, but that is province-wide. So if someone has family in Drayton Valley and they are from Fort McMurray and they want to be near family, then they can come and have their own place."

Other community members are encouraged by Freier to extend any help they may be able to give to evacuees.

"If you provide services, whether it be hair cuts or doing nails, if you have an opportunity

to give, now is the time to brighten somebody else's life because they are in a dark place, so do what you can to brighten up the lives of the displaced people," he said. "Give what you can. If we have something to give, give it. I cannot imagine being in their position, being home-

less."

Evacuees who are looking for a place to stay can contact Freier at (780) 542-5632. For a list of other local individuals and groups helping out evacuees, visit our Facebook page.



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Evergreen Gas Co-op former board member retires after 31 years



Justine Kinoshon Western Review as Chair of the co-op. His knowledge, dedication and commitment to Evergreen Gas and the rural gas utilities will be missed by all members of the co-op. When asked what he'll be doing now that he's retired, Davidson said he'll be working on his "Honey Do" list at home, a lot of carpentry and "spend some time in the 55 plus club." Pictured (from l. to r.) are Dale Symon, incoming chair of the co-op, Wes Davidson, outgoing chair and Kevin Lingo, co-op manager.

Lil' Rascals Garage Sale



Cathy Weetman Western Review and Art Show held recently. We're not sure why he was covering his ears, but at least he was smiling.



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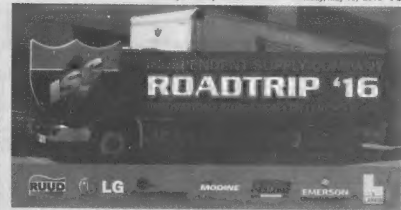
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Cathy Weetman Western Review

Joan Elworthy, lead hand for the Drayton Valley Parks Department, showed a group of women at the library in Drayton Valley how to plant flowers in a variety of containers ranging from an old coal hod to a recycled hanging basket. She said the more plants in the container, the better it is. (For her story and suggestions on how to plant, please turn to Page 16.)



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News

Cowboy and Slam poetry night held at DV library

Cathy Weetman
Western Review

Drayton Valley's municipal library welcomed a large audience of cowboy-clad people, teenagers and residents on April 26 as it hosted a combination Cowboy/Slam poetry presentation from 6 to 8 p.m.

Danette Moule performed one of her slam poems before Alexis Hogan, Sarah Grainger, Emma Kelly and Arwyn Payne, who together formed a slam poetry club.

each presented their poems.

After a short break, the cowboys had their turn at presenting a number of poems written by themselves. Family and cowboy author Baxter Black, who performed at the Stony Plain Cowboy poetry gathering approximately three years ago.

Lloyd Dolen recited a poem written by his grandfather and a few he had written himself. He was followed by poet George Heinz and Ken Blacklock, who penned a quick poem about the technical difficulties staff were experiencing while trying to hook up with master cow-

boy poet Geoff MacKay on computer.

The evening ended with more poetry by Kerry (no last name given), originally from Manitoba and Jackson McKenzie, songwriter/singer and poet, from Stony Plain.

For those who want more cowboy poetry, the 24th annual Cowboy & Poetry Festival will be held from August 19 to 21 at the Heritage Park Pavilion & Pioneer Museum in Stony Plain. For more information, call 780-963-6692 or by computer at www.stonyplain.cowboypoe.com.

Cathy Weetman *Western Review*

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Cowboy poet and singer Jackson McKenzie was one of several guest performers at the library recently.

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News

"Fat comedian does okay in Drayton Valley"

Western Review

"Fat comedian does okay in Drayton Valley" are the words of Sean Lecomber, who was performing at the Drayton Valley Curling Club Lounge on April 21 along with fellow comedian Ivan Sivert.

While giving his comedy routine Lecomber stopped dead in his tracks to ask the photographer whether she was taking action shots.

I can see the headline now in the paper-



Cathy Westman Western Review
Comedian Sean Lecomber had guests at the curling lounge in Drayton Valley's Drayton Valley Curling Club rolling in the aisles with his topics about love, marriage and children.

"Fat comedian does okay in Drayton Valley," he quipped, adding the photographer was also trying to get a photograph of his double chin, cleverly disguised by a heavy beard.

But Lecomber did much more than "okay" as he had the crowd laughing their heads off while talking about subjects such as who the boss is - the family is and becoming parents.

The comedy show is a yearly fundraiser for the Drayton Valley Curling Club and after the comedians were finished, the evening was rounded out by a DJ and a dance.

Letter to the editor - Make your voice heard

Dear Editor,

D.V. Respect for Life is requesting that you send a letter immediately to Honorable Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould for those of you who would like to see amendments to the legislation on Bill C-14 that was tabled on April 14 until June 8/16. Send it to House of Commons, Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6.

It is imperative that clear conscience protections for health care workers and facilities be set in place. Many people, including myself, are opposed to this legislation. It is unconstitutional that people should be forced to participate against their deeply held convictions, either through referral or I doing the procedure. Further to this, I would then question if they would respect my decision and those who would choose palliative care to die a natural death.

If this bill is passed without these amendments, Canada will be the only country in the world that does not provide legal protections for those who cannot participate in medical assistance in dying because of their moral convictions. There is no guarantee that the provinces will even pass legislation on this topic. Legislation must clearly spell out the protections provided by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, ensuring caregivers and their organizations will be protected from coercion and discrimination.

Why should physicians and health care workers be forced to put their careers on the line and open themselves to professional disciplinary action simply because they wish to follow their conscience? Why should the closure of facilities be allowed because they cannot provide medical assistance in dying? We need dedicated and caring health professionals we can put our trust in.

There should also be restrictions on who would be allowed to assist in aiding an assisted death. Under Bill C-14 anyone other than medical or nurse practitioners have no obligation to report the circumstances this could also give protection to those who desire to encourage patients towards doctor-assisted death. This is an opportunity for abuse, even from family members.

This bill requires that the same two independent physicians or nurse practitioners who do the killing will also file the report after the procedure. This is not acceptable because if there is any incompetence or coercion, no one else would ever know about it.

I urge you to send to your senators as these deliberations are being conducted. We need to respect and protect the vulnerable, mentally ill and depressed persons, as well as the conscience rights of Canadian physicians, other health care providers and objecting facilities.

Cecile Hillis,
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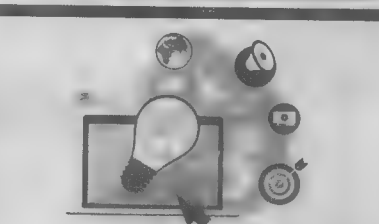
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AUDREY CEMA PRUDEN (LEEDER) December 9, 1962 - April 27, 2016

Audrey Cema Pruden, age 53 of Drayton Valley, passed away on Wednesday, April 27th, 2016 at the Misericordia Hospital. She was born Audrey Leeder on December 9th, 1962 in Edmonton, Alberta, and was raised in the Breton area. On June 23, 1984 Audrey married Phillip Pruden. She leaves to cherish her memory, her loving husband of 31 years, Philip, two daughters, Melanie and Marilee Pruden, her mother Doreen Leeder, siblings, Carol (Chuck) Anderson, Roger (Chris) Leeder, Terry (Kathy) Leeder, mother and father-in-law Joan and Ron Pruden, brother-in-law, Joe (Nicole) Pruden, nieces and nephews, Trevor (Bobbie) Anderson, Rhonda (Mike) Chambers, Jason Anderson, Jessie, Carlie, Kayla, Kelcie, Brandon, and Cassidy Leeder, Aidan, Erica, and Miles Pruden, great nieces and nephews, Otton, Dillion, and Torron Chambers, Cameron, Daniel and Colby Pfeiffer, as well as a great golf family, a large extended family, and many, many dear friends and relatives.

Audrey was predeceased by her father Hubert Leeder and brother-in-law Wayne Pruden. A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, May 11th, 2016 at 1:00 pm, at the MacKenzie Centre, Drayton Valley. If friends so desire memorial donations may be made to ALS Alberta, 5418-97 St., NW, Edmonton, AB T6B 5C1, Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation, 1502-8215-112 St., NW, Edmonton, AB T6G 9Z9 or to STARS, 570-1441 Aviation Pk., NE, Calgary, AB T2E 9Z9.

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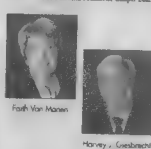
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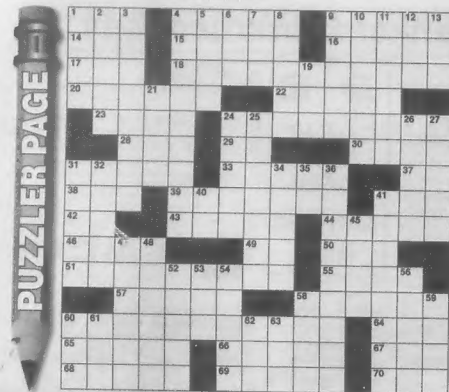
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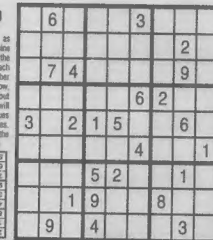
1. Satisfaction
4. 18th century letter
9. Cautious
14. Giver
15. Makes comic books
17. Standby perfectly
20. Everyone has these
22. Lines
23. He wanted the Bucks
24. Succumbed
26. Over in Guangdong
29. Exclamation of surprise
30. Nicholas II was one
31. Comic authors
33. In the back of a man's mouth
37. Not in a famous one
38. Impressed guest list
39. Send forth
41. They
42. Not down
43. Computer program I...
44. Results
46. County in New Mexico
48. Letter of the Greek alphabet
50. Runaway over
51. Gave
53. A feeling (shout)
57. Type printed in the Bible
58. Tapering
60. Points north things

CLUES DOWN

1. Greek sophist
2. Sherry's match
3. Tumors
4. Can't play
5. Dabbling ducks
6. Dabbler
7. The world of the dead
8. Italian name
9. Soldiers' phrases
10. VMA cut
11. Marauding
12. Canadianese Gaster
13. Female sibling
14. Tossing
15. Torrey's transmitter
16. Metaphorical delay
17. Speech sound
18. Runaway over
19. Gave
20. Small fates of last
21. Insects
22. Giver of pulse
23. Indecent position
24. Flies up

SUDOKU

Here's how it works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a Sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you write, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



HOROSCOPES

- ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**
A restless spirit is the catalyst for a new project, Aries. This week you dive right into something that will take up all of your mental energy. Try to avoid slacking off at this time.
- TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**
Taurus, thanks to your hectic schedule, achieving lofty goals this week may be a stretch, so don't let something a little more manageable and celebrate the achievement.
- GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21**
Gemini, though you may be content to remain out of the spotlight most of the time, when you engage with others, you really can show just how compelling you are.
- CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22**
You may be expected to step up and care for people all at the time, but this week you're the one who needs some special attention. Cancer, if you have to be to reach out for assistance.
- LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23**
Leo, you have many good reasons to throw caution to the wind this week, but you may have to reign in your exuberance quite a little bit. You're an example to others.
- VIRGO - Aug 24/Sep 22**
Listen carefully to your intuition this week. Things, most of the time you can trust that little voice more than outside influences. Focus on your dreams for a bit.
- LIBRA - Sep 23/Oct 23**
Libra, when things become complicated, you're the person others often seek to vent out the situation. You have a way of quickly getting to the root of a problem.
- SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**
Scorpio, even though you normally think only and coldly, this week you may be at the end of your rope. Book some time for a little R&R to recharge your batteries.
- SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**
Sagittarius, positive encounters, including an unexpected meeting with an old friend, could make for an interesting week. Your social life is booming.
- CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**
Capricorn, you have a measured and methodical approach to your goals. This week, though, your sense of fun may take over and steer you off course.
- AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**
Consider your words before sharing your perspective, Aquarius. You do not want to hurt anyone's feelings, even if what you have to say is the truth. Word things carefully.
- PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**
Your self-esteem soars this week when you go out of your way to put others' needs before your own. Act from your heart.

Community events

- The DV Rural Crime Watch is hosting a Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) meeting at 7 p.m. at the Violet Grove hall at 5:00 on May 26, 2016. Please bring a chair.
- Mondays**
• Sit and Get Fit exercise class @ 10 a.m. at Sunrise Village (3902, 67th St.) Exercises done from a chair. All seniors welcome.
• Bingo at the Drayton Valley Legion. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
• Line dancing @ the Scout Hall, 7:30 p.m.
• Bingo Tomahawk Agri Centre, doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo at 6:30 p.m. 780-542-4242 or 780-334-3747 for information!
• First and third - Brain Injury Support Group meets @ Muck's at 1:30 p.m. Tannis 241-890-425-555 ext 222.
• DV Art Club meets, 7 p.m. 780-542-4242.
• Club meetings, (780) 621-0977.
- Tuesdays**
• Senior's Luncheon everyone, DV Family Support & Intervention Program. Seniors' group, 7-9 p.m. Morna @ 542-2654 for more info.
- Wednesdays**
• DV Cultural Youth Society meets @ 7 p.m. at FWHIS Outreach, 780-542-9395 for more info.
• DV school swim, 12-12:40 p.m. @ DV Pool, 696-2344 for info.
- Thursdays**
• Derricks Testa's seniors meet @ 6:30 p.m. @ NorthWest College Campus. Everyone welcome. Call Marnie @ 780-729-4932 for more info.
• Sit and Get Fit exercise class @ 10 a.m. at Sunrise Village (3902, 67th St.) Exercises done from a chair. All seniors welcome.
• DV Family Support & Intervention Program, men's group, 7-9 p.m. 542-6782.
• DV seniors @ 12-2 p.m. @ Church of God, 542-1246, 542-3653.
• Worthington House Seniors, 1:30-3 p.m. @ Sunrise Valley 780-542-4242.
• DV Seniors' Luncheon, 7 p.m. @ DV Legion, 780-542-4242.
- Fridays**
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• Tele DV Seniors' Luncheon in the basement of the Church of God from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Contact @ 780-542-4242 for more info.
- Saturdays**
• DV Senior's Luncheon, 1 p.m. Big T Golf Club in Repton, East Sunday.
• Music Luncheon upstairs at Drayton Valley Seniors Recreation Centre hall the last Sunday of every month. Drayton Valley Seniors' Luncheon, 12:30-1:30 p.m. @ Drayton Valley Seniors' Recreation Centre, 780-542-4242.
- Sundays**
• DV Citizens on Patrol Society (COPS) meets, 7 p.m. @ www.dravtonvalleycop.com to get involved.
• Lumberjacks @ Wildwood Community Hall. Doors open 5:30 p.m.
• DV Genealogical Society meets, 7 p.m. @ Wishing Well. For information call 780-542-3787.
• Max Performing Arts Centre board meeting, 3:45 p.m. on Max mezzanine.
• Wildwood Community Hall board meets, 7:30 p.m. @ the hall.
• Last Wednesday
• DV & District Cancer Support Group meets, 11:30 a.m. Arcadia room, Westwind, Howard @ 780-542-2735 and Irene @ 780-542-3135 for info.
• DV and District Historical Society meets, 1 p.m. at senior's drop-in centre.
• Narcotics Anonymous meetings, 7 p.m. @ United Church
• Senior's Futures Indoor Playground in Violet Grove, 10-11:30 a.m. Call 780-542-5070 or 780-696-2543 for more information.
• Drayton Valley Fine Art Society, PAINT IN! NOON at the Lutheran Church
• 2nd Thursday
• Mission Lodge meetings, 7:30 p.m. (780) 542-5473.
• DV Hospital Auxiliary meets, 7 p.m. @ the hospital.
• General meeting for Barville Community Hall @ the hall starting @ 7:30 p.m. except June, July, August.
• 3rd Thursday
• DV Bears & Hands Quilters' Guild at Emmaus Lutheran Church at 7 p.m.
• Northern Thunder Classic Car Club meet every third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at Spooky Gas.

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News

One Act Festival held at Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre

Cathy Westman
Western Review

Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre played host to the 2016 Yellowhead Regional Adult One Act Festival on Saturday April 23 with three theatre groups competing against one another - Drayton Valley's River Valley Players Association, Break-a-Leg Theatre Arts out of Hinton and Leith Drama Society.

This year's adjudicator, Ken Agrell-Smith, had a tough decision to make as five awards were presented at the end of the evening. The Outstanding Production award winner will represent Yellowhead Region at the 2016 Provincial Festival in Fort McMurray from May 27 to 28. There were also two Outstanding Performer Awards as well as an Outstanding Director and Outstanding New Work awards.

River Valley Players began the evening with a 45 minute play entitled Boris Karloff's Head. "Shifting reality ignites when diabolical collectors, Fred and Amelia Cabine, become consumed with greed and betrayal over Hollywood's most coveted relic," said the play's synopsis in the program.



Break-a-Leg Theatre Arts entertained next with a 35 minute play called The Author's Voice. "Todd is an author in the process of writing the kind of tortured and brilliant novel that can only come from the soul of a genius. Todd's editor, the beautiful and bold Portia, would love to get closer to his mind - and his body - but Todd keeps her at arm's length. Under his successful veneer, Todd hides a wicked secret."

River Valley Players presented their second play, called Monster Survival Skills. During a Grenlin Outbreak. "An instructor is giving a workplace safety seminar regarding gremlin attacks to two disarming, disliking employees." The play was a brief 10 minutes but hilarious the whole time.

The Leith Drama Society presented a 12 minute play, called Zenbot. "Four friends hanging out together on a roof show very distinct and different reactions when they witness the same event at a building across the street."

Break-a-Leg Theatre Arts returned to the stage to present a 30 minute play, entitled Cherry Island with Vanilla. "Standing by a riverside a woman, with her daughter, suddenly smells the pipe

tobacco that her deceased husband smoked. To get his wife over her prolonged bereavement, his ghost confesses to fictitious infidelities. Realized, the woman looks toward life among eligible widowers and even plans to enter her plants in the flower show. This is a play of warm hearts and kind remembrances."

Caught in the Act was a 40 minute production by River Valley Players. "Two characters trapped in a one act play find it difficult to sort out their relationship when their lives keep getting re-written in the two person, one act play."

Lastly, Break-a-Leg Theatre performed Fancy Meeting You Here a 12 minute play. "Cheri is a fellow who may or may not be balding, but is nonetheless sensitive about it. Randy is a girl who may or may not be a little overweight, but is nonetheless sensitive about that. Cheri and Randy are subsequently set up to meet for a blind date by some mutual friends. But try as they might, these two people whose friends think they could be just right for each other, just can't quite seem to find any of that common ground. Friends can be cruel sometimes."

Cathy Westman Western Review
Left: This was a scene from River Valley Players' short play called Monster Survival Skills. During a Grenlin Outbreak. The instructor on the right is attempting to give her speech about safety but the two employees are a little too disruptive for their own good. The play has a very funny twist to it at the end.

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YOUTH GOT TALENT



Mamta Lulla Western Review

Young people showed their skills and talents at the Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre. The show was put together to not just entertain the community but also inspire other young people. From dances to gymnastics to singing, the audience was truly entertained the evening of May 4.

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